

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

## COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 20, 2014

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Jessica Miller answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. He has inspected all departments except the Fire and Utility.
2. The Waste Water Treatment ground breaking was May 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. Pioneer hosted an appreciation luncheon on May 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. Met with the President of Ireland.
5. There were 212 participants in the Mayor's 5K.
6. The circus came to town.
7. Money was raised for 30 kids from the Hoosier Youth Challenge to attend the circus.
8. Met with Milestone and Rush County Heritage to discuss the downtown project "Campaign Quarters & Campaign Flats".
9. Intat announced news of an additional line being added along with additional jobs.
10. We are beginning to receive information from the Federal Government on restructuring the EIDD.
11. Planters should be placed downtown prior to the weekend.
12. I will be participating in award day at Rushville Elementary School.
13. DARE Officer Bridges will be presenting DARE Certificates.
14. The Memorial Day ceremony will be on 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.
15. Farm Credit Services' open house is the 29<sup>th</sup>.
16. We will be working on the fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
17. We are ready to schedule a meeting on the changes to the personnel policy.

18. This is the last official meeting with Jessica Miller. Mayor Pavey encouraged her to stay involved until she leaves for college.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bridges announced that the Rush County Community Foundation presented \$119,000.00 in scholarships last night. Jessica Miller received 4 of those scholarships.

Bridges said the Boys & Girls Club is going through restructuring and motivational reorganization with the intent of being less dependent on government money. They are planning an event on August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Also next Tuesday at 7:00 at the Boys & Girls Club anyone interested is welcome to attend a meeting to help plan activities for that event.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park's Board** – Hoosier Youth Challenge helped out with a clean-up day.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – The committee will meet May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- **Marketing** - A meeting is scheduled for May 29th.
- **Trash Sub Committee** – Everything has been ordered. We need final art work approval. We are hoping to rollout the new program by the end of June.
- **Employee Benefits/City Policy** –
- **APC/BZA – Building Code** –

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker encouraged everyone to take a look at the communication room renovation. He said they are making it a state of the art center and more user friendly.

The Board of Works promoted Alex Shaver, Brent Campbell, and Michael Ervine to the position of sergeant.

The Board of Works also gave Tucker permission to post for the new position of quartermaster.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said they have purchased a 12 lead monitor. This will provide patient care for heart activity, allows doctors quicker access to remedy the problem. It will also monitor O2 saturation by fingertip and blood pressure. This will be put into use after training by IU.

**Animal** – Animal Warden Moran informed Council that for the month of April the intake was 74, and 12 were put down. For the year the intake totals 201 with 31 being put down.

**Park** – Park Director Mathews said the pool is ready to go. The water samples have been sent in. Opening day is May 24<sup>th</sup> instead of the 25<sup>th</sup>. The pool staff did a great job Sunday cleaning up the area.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Chief Tucker said he received a concern through email. A semi was unloading supplies at 2 facilities north of town and there was a safety concern. Tucker said the problem is that the trailer is 58 foot and if it gets into the parking lot he probably can't get back out. The Police Department looked at it initially, technically it could impede traffic. Normally it is happening right after lunch. Tucker said he would contact both business owners involved to look into a better solution. Conner said he thought there may also be an issue with Hubler's car carrier. Tucker said he will also discuss the matter with them.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Emerson CF1** – Earl Jacobs came before Council to ask for approval of Emerson's CF1's. Councilman Smith asked if in the future Emerson could present the CF1's to the City in a timelier manner. Jacobs said they would make every effort to get them in earlier. Sheehan asked if they had anything new. Jacobs said they are making Investments in new equipment. They are using all of the old Fujitsu Ten Building. Smith expressed appreciation for all that Emerson does for the community. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1's. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **ALS Fees** – Conner made a motion to approve the Intercept Agreement with Rush Memorial. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **INTAT CF1** – David Reid came before Council to ask for approval of Intat's CF1's. Councilman Smith expressed gratitude for all that Intat gives to the community. Council congratulated Intat on their expansion. Bridges made a motion to approve the CF1's as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **JTL Scope of Services** – Shelly Wakefield, representative from JTL, was present. Wakefield said they are putting together ordinances, etc. for code enforcement, unsafe buildings, and minimum housing standards. This also includes high weeds, international property maintenance, abandon structures, and historic districts. A schedule was passed around for review. Wakefield said they will start with weeds and then move onto other items. Bridges said we need to push up abandon vehicles on the list. Wakefield said vehicles will take quite a bit of time. Pavey suggested that we ask that abandon properties be registered with the City.

3. **Covenant Release/Modification-Former Boys and Girls Club Building** – Chuck Heintzelman from Milestone Ventures, Inc., said he has met with Rushville Heritage. When this property was deeded there was a restriction on residential use. Heintzelman asked if the City would consider releasing the deed restriction on residential use for the old Boys & Girls Club. He said their plan is to renovate the structure into 7 residential units. Pavey suggested that the release be for this project only and if this project does not happen that the release not be for any other project. Bridges made a motion to release the covenant restriction. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. The release will be revised to include Pavey's request.
4. **Port Authority** – Attorney Grant Reeves explained that port authority allows for operation of rail lines by governmental agencies. At some point in the future we could be asked for rail access near the North Industrial Park, which would add value to NIP. We are investigating what steps we would need to complete. John McCane said we would like to put the mechanism in place in case the situation arises. Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-8 an Ordinance Regarding the Creation of a Port Authority. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **TIF Expansion of Existing and Consideration of Downtown** – John McCane explained to Council that with Intat's line expansion, we should consider the possible expansion of the INTAT original TIF area. McCane asked Council for their thoughts. He said the initial investment is 8million.

McCane also suggested that we consider making the downtown area a TIF district. Those revenues can be used to build up infrastructure of our downtown area. Other communities are using this as an economic development tool. It was the consensus of Council to continue the due diligence for the process of the TIF areas.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** Mayor Pavey asked Council to review proposed Ordinance 2014-7, which amends Ordinance 1997-5 for the next meeting.

Sheehan asked for an update on the former Park Restaurant building. Pavey said Shelly Wakefield is also researching the best and acceptable use of the facility.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.